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departments, but we may speak here only of his services in field archaeology. He organized and conducted an archaeological expedition to Central Syria and the Hauran, having been inspired by the publications of Count Melchior de Vogüé. These expeditions took place in 1899-1900, 1904, 1909. Mr. Butler raised the funds, selected his companions, led the expedition and published from his own photographs and drawings the architectural remains. His "Architecture, Sculpture, Mosaic, and Wall Painting in Northern Central Syria and the Djebel Hauran" is a valuable repository of information concerning an important field of early Christian architecture whose monuments are rapidly disappearing. Casts of doorways, ornamental disks, and inscriptions were taken and may be studied in the museums at Princeton and elsewhere.

A still more ambitious scheme was undertaken by Mr. Butler in 1910, when he organized the American Society for the Excavation of Sardis. The work itself calls for considerable funds and intelligent management. The funds are provided by a group of subscribers classified as founders, fellows, sustaining, and annual members. The excavations have been conducted under Mr. Butler's direction by an able corps of assistants. The publication of the results will be embodied in seventeen volumes covering the architecture, sculpture, inscriptions, pottery, terra-cottas, coins, gems, jewelry and other objects. Some of the Lydian inscriptions and some of the coins have been already published. Mr. Butler's first volume giving an account of the Excavations, 1910-14, has just appeared and the second volume on the Temple of Artemis is already in page proof.

No one who came in contact with Mr. Butler could fail to be impressed with his gracious manners, but only those who accompanied him to the East can fully appreciate his skill in handling men and his personal bravery. In Syria he braved the Bedouins of the desert unsupported by the guards usually considered necessary, and at Sardis when an insurrection arose among the natives and every one else ran to their quarters for guns or pistols Mr. Butler, armed only with a bamboo cane, quelled the insurrection unassisted. In many ways at home and abroad Mr. Butler was not only a decoration but a pillar of strength. The vacancies caused by his death cannot be filled by any one man.

Thus within the past summer two of our Trustees have given up their lives in foreign service.

THE ZION RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND DR. HATCH'S MISSION TO THE NITRIAN AND SINAI MONASTERIES

Yet another true friend of the Schools has passed away in the death of Mr. John Munro Longyear, of Brookline, Mass., who died May 28. About eighteen months ago Mr. and Mrs. Longyear became interested in the work of the Schools, and became Contributing Members of the Corporation. The spirit of their modest, generous support of our work was in itself an inspiration. Through them the Zion Research Foundation, of which they were largely the founders, gave the Schools the sum of \$1000 for the discovery of manuscripts bearing on the Bible and the terms of the gift were later modified so that the money could be used for the search of ancient manuscripts.

This gift has enabled us to finance in part an important commission entrusted by us to Prof. W. H. P. Hatch, of the Episcopal Theological

School at Cambridge, Mass., the Annual Professor at Jerusalem for the current year. The original plan was that Dr. Hatch should visit the Convent on Mount Sinai in the search for manuscripts. It was then learned that the distinguished British scholar, Prof. J. Rendel Harris, was planning a trip to the Orient on a similar errand, and arrangements have been made whereby Dr. Hatch will accompany him both to the monasteries in the Nitrian Desert in Egypt, one of the most notable depositaries of ancient lore in the Orient, and to Sinai, where was discovered, to mention but one item, the priceless Sinaitic Codex of the Greek Bible. The sum donated by the Zion Research Foundation has been devoted to the purchase of an ample photographic apparatus, which will be the permanent property of the Schools, along with the necessary supplies. Dr. Hatch is now in Jerusalem, and, we understand will meet Dr. Harris in Egypt. We await with keen interest the findings of this important mission.

THE SESSION OF THE SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM, 1922-23

The School in Jerusalem reopened for its winter's work with the presence of Edwin E. Voigt, M.A., of Yale, Thayer Fellow (replacing Dr. W. J. Wyngaarden, who was not able to accept the appointment), and Mr. Francis Cooke, also of Yale, Student. Dr. Edwards, Dean of the Bible School of Missouri, is also attending the School. The arrival of Prof. W. H. P. Hatch, Annual Professor, and Dr. James A. Kelso, President of the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Annual Lecturer, was expected.

The Director announces the following courses for the year: The Topography of Jerusalem; The Geography and Topography of Palestine; Archaeology and Epigraphy of Palestine; Seminary in Selected Problems of Oriental Research; Selected Books of the Old Testament.

The lectures of the French School of Archaeology (the Dominican School) and of the British School are open to our School. We hope in the future to publish the programmes of these Schools in advance.

THE JANE DOWS NIES MEMORIAL BUILDING

Mr. Ehmman, a distinguished architect of Palestine, has been retained as local adviser on our building plans. His revisions will be sent to America for study and revision by Professor Meeks, of the Yale School of Architecture, our Consulting Architect. Meanwhile a quantity of stone, sand, etc., ordered by Dr. Nies, has already been deposited on our property, to the value of some \$3000. An exact survey of the property has been made and the scheme for the location of the proposed buildings worked out.

THE JASTROW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As will be recalled, Mrs. Jastrow generously donated Professor Jastrow's library to the Schools. About a third of the collection has been reserved for the library of the proposed Bagdad School. The remainder of the books were shipped early in the summer and arrived safely. The Director writes enthusiastically of the great value of this accession to the Library.

Our friends may be reminded that a Memorial Fund has been started, the income of which is to be devoted to the increase of the Jastrow collection.